









RIM FIRE INFORMATION Update #29

Release for Monday, September 2, 2013/Time: 6:30 PM

Incident Statistics

Acres Burned:	235,841 (368 square miles)	Structures Threatened:	4,500
Containment:	70%	Residences Destroyed:	11
Fire Start Date:	August 17, 2013	Commercial Property Destroyed:	3
Fire Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	97
Cost to date:	\$72 million	Injuries:	5
		Total Personnel	4 330

Fire Update

Very active fire behavior was observed today on the south and east fire perimeters. Types of fire seen today included running ground fire, group tree torching, short crown runs, and spotting. In the north and west fire perimeter moderate rates of spread were observed both in advancing ground fire, and burnout operations. Good progress was made with burnout operations in the north and southeast sections. Reliance on aviation resources has been critical in an effort to slow the fires progress to allow suppression resources to establish control lines in areas where accessibility and safety can be achieved. The extremely dry fuels, high winds, and potential for long-range spotting remain a significant concern for the fire to advance beyond control lines.

Park and Forest Closures

Yosemite National Park has closed Tamarack Flat and Yosemite Creek Campgrounds, both located along Tioga Road. White Wolf Campground and White Wolf Lodge remain closed. The Stanislaus National Forest has issued an area closure for the entire Groveland Ranger District and for the Mi-Wok Ranger District east of Highway 108. Additional details are available from the Stanislaus Forest Supervisor's Office, 209-532-3671; Mi-Wok Ranger Station, (209) 586-3234; Summit Ranger Station, 209-965-3434; and Groveland Ranger Station, 209-962-7825.

Road Closures

Highway 120 remains closed from Buck Meadows to 1 ½ miles east of White Wolf. Highway 120 east/Tioga Road remains open from 1 ½ miles east of White Wolf to the Tioga Pass entrance. Cherry Lake Road is closed at Highway 120. Evergreen Road and Old Yosemite Road are also closed. Highway 120 from Ferretti Road to Buck Meadows remains open for local residents and businesses only.

Evacuations and Advisories

There are currently no mandatory or advisory evacuation orders effective in Mariposa County. An evacuation **advisory** remains in effect for Ponderosa Hills and areas east, along the south side of Highway 108 up to Pinecrest. Highway 120 at the Yosemite National Park boundary west to Buck Meadows has been evacuated.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Rim Fire at 805-727-4775 or 805-727-4746 and Tuolumne City Rim Fire Information at 209-928-1059. If you have questions about Yosemite National Park call 209-372-0327 or 209-372-0329. Updated information is also available at http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3660/. All media are requested to report to the Incident Command Post to check in with the Public Information Officers.